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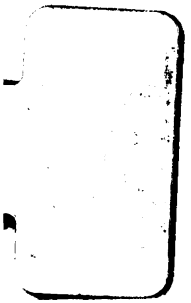

MERRILL GENEALOGY

DESCENDANTS OF

BARZILLA MERRILL

1764—1850

"It matters not how long we live, but how."

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To My Mother

HULDAH MERRILL ALLEN

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Affectionately Dedicated by the Compiler.

PREFACE.

The name Merrill is said to be of French origin, although our ancestors of that name came, we believe, from England. BARZILLA was the son of David, who was the common ancestor of most, if not all, of the Merrills in this country. Barzilla came into the town of Fabius, Onondaga county, N. Y., from or near Stephentown, Rensselaer county, N. Y. and settled on a farm in the eastern part of the town. He was among the pioneers of Onondaga county, who lived in log houses, and cleared the timber for their farms, I understand that Barzilla lived on his farm till late in life, then being bereft of his life companion, he went to live for a time with his granddaughter in Spafford, Onondaga county, after which he lived with his son Edward for some time. He came once with his son Edward to visit Heman and Anson in the town of Dayton, Cattaraugus county. This visit is well remembered by Norman M. Allen and his wife. He returned to Fabius, and lived with his daughter Mary until his death in 1850. He lies buried in a small plot of ground near to the old Merrill house on the Merrill farm, on the side of a large hill. This plot has been sadly neglected and allowed to grow up to weeds and bushes. Not a vestige of fence remains, and cattle roaming over it have broken down many headstones. The tenant burned the ground over

last year, thus making a decided improvement in this, "God's Acre." In one corner is a low, white slab, leaning considerably. Upon it is written, "In memory of David Merrill, who departed this life Dec. 1, 1821. In the 86th year of his age." This man (David) was in his prime at the time of the Revolutionary War. The second stone bore this inscription, "Barzilla Merrill, died April 14, 1850, aged 85 years and five months." The headstone belonging to his wife Electa had fallen and was broken. She also died in Fabius, August 4th, 1840. On the next stone in order was written, "In memory of Esther (daughter of Barzilla Merrill) wife of Alfred Negus, who departed this life April 13, 1829, aged 21 years, four months and fourteen days.'

Then came a vacant place from which the body of Ruth (daughter of Barzilla Merrill) had been taken up and removed to the village cemetery. The last grave there was that of Edward (son of Barzilla). I would suggest that some interested descendant of Barzilla have a suitable fence placed about this burial place and see that the graves are well taken care of.

INTRODUCTION.

At a reunion of the Merrill family, held at the home of William Merrill, Versailles, N. Y., 1905, it was decided that a genealogical record of the descendants of Barzilla Merrill, (Father of Heman Merrill) as far as practicable, be made and printed in the proper form, and I was selected to procure the proper data, and compile a book therefrom. It has been a pleasant task, and cheerfully accomplished, and as well as I was able. If errors appear, please remember it is human to err, and divine to forgive. It is hereby respectfully submitted to my kindred.

MARY THRASHER,
Dayton, N. Y.
January 21, 1907.

ORIGINAL FAMILY.

BARZILLA MERRILL, born November 17, 1764, and died April 14, 1850.

ELECTA MERRILL, (his wife), born May 3, 1770, and died August 4, 1840.

Children of Barzilla and Electa Merrill

1. DIANTHA MERRILL, born September 17, 1788. She died October 21, 1868.
2. HEMAN MERRILL, born March 27, 1791. He died June 1, 1871.
3. ANSON MERRILL, born April 8, 1793. He died January 27, 1870.
4. IRA MERRILL, born September 23, 1795. He died July 6, 1828.
5. SILAS MERRILL, born November 27, 1797. He died December 28, 1827.
6. EMMA MERRILL, born April 8, 1800. She died February 12, 1841.
7. RUTH MERRILL, born July 11, 1802. She died June 24, 1832.

8. EDWARD MERRILL, born July 19, 1805. He died October 12, 1852.
9. ESTHER MERRILL, born November 29, 1807. She died April 13, 1829.
10. MARY MERRILL, born September 18, 1810. She died June 7, 1896.
11. DAVID M. MERRILL, born June 4, 1815. He died February 4, 1881.

FAMILY I.

DIANTHA MERRILL, daughter of Barzilla, was born September 17, 1788; married LUKE PIERCE. To them were born ten children, all in the Town of Fabius. One child not named died at four months of age.

2. Caleb M., born April 9, 1811.
3. Euretta E., born October 2, 1812, married William Densmore.
4. Electa, born April 19, 1815, married Asel Shafter.
5. Washington S., born August 29, 1816, married Polly Brasted.
6. Daniel S., born September 3, 1818, married Jerusha Colby.
7. Barzilla, born June 10, 1820. Died.
8. Lovina, born October 30, 1822, married Elijah Holliday.

9. Polly, born September 24, 1824, married George Hibner, July 15, 1847.
10. Silas L., born December 20, 1829, married Nancy Purinton.

All this family are dead except Polly Hibner, aged 82 years (1907). Her address is Plainville, Minn.

Diantha Merrill died October 21, 1868, and her husband died on September 15, 1856.

II. CALEB M. PIERCE, born April 9, 1811, married Nancy Schermerhorn, December 31, 1835. To them were born two children.

1. Ira M., September 25, 1836, married Lorinda Davis, at Cuba, N. Y. He died September 23, 1874.
2. David J., February 18, 1842, married Lucy J. Coon at Dayton, N. Y., January 5, 1857. He died in Bradford, Pa.

To them were born:

[1] Byron E., December 10, 1870, at Dayton, N. Y. Married Anna F. Hayes, December 28, 1896, at Salamanca, N. Y.

[2] Eva N., June 1, 1873, married Elmer T. Stevenson, December 7, 1896, at Bradford, Pa. To them was born:

[a] Rhea, September 11, 1897.

[3] Floyd B., born May 25, 1878.

CALEB M. PIERCE was married the second time to Ellen Merrill, widow of Ira Merrill (son of

Anson) on May 27, 1858. Died August 18, 1891.

Ellen Pierce adopted as a child Grace Darbee, daughter of Augustus Darbee, of Cottage, N. Y. Grace married Burt Perrin of Markham, N. Y. Ellen died January 14, 1899.

IX. POLLY PIERCE, born September 24, 1824, married George Hibner, July 15, 1847. To them was born:

1. Electa, March 1, 1849, married William Safford, September 13, 1866.

To them were born:

[1] George M., October 1, 1867, married Meta Guetner, March 2, 1897. To them were born:

[a] Lynn, March 5, 1888.

[b] Paul, April 22, 1891.

[c] George D., November 22, 1905.

[2] William L., born August 28, 1870, married Flora Meredith, May 9, 1894. To them was born:

[a] Harold, June 5, 1897.

[3] Rose Ella, born August 6, 1876, died April 26, 1877.

[4] Katherine, born March 24, 1879, married Marshall Humphrey, June 20, 1898.

2 Ivan A., born December 23, 1854, married Effie Freer, October 20, 1873. To them was born:

HEMAN MERRILL.

AMELIA MERRILL.

[2] Ida May, June 1, 1875, died September 12, 1887.

Ivan died November 19, 1876.

X. SILAS L. PIERCE, born December 20, 1829, married Nancy Purinton, October 9, 1857. To them was born:

1. Dora, on October 9, 1861, married Forest L. Miller, June 16, 1880. To them were born:

[1] M. Alleen on October 16, 1884.

[2] Harry Pierce, on November 3, 1887.

Silas L. Pierce died December 30, 1901.

It is a most pleasant duty for me to write a few lines in memory of my grandfather, Heman Merrill, of his good life and genial ways, and of his intrinsic worth as a man. He was most highly esteemed (not only) by his relatives, but by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Even as a child I felt how truly he loved his Creator and how faithfully he performed the duties he owed to Him, and I knew then he was a noble Christian gentleman. He loved his neighbor as himself, and in return he had the love and esteem of all his neighbors. He was a man of fine characteristics, affable and with kindly words for all. It can truly be said of him that all that knew him were his friends. The peace which he had was the peace that passeth all understanding, and with him it never faded. A great mass of people who knew him relied upon his judgment, and when life closed with him it might well be said that he had fought the good fight and kept the faith. I loved him while living and I love now the memory of his great goodness to me, his grandchild. I remember his form—how it shook when he laughed, his nicely-formed features, his fine black eyes and heavy brows, and his silver hair. From my earliest recollection he had a kindly greeting for me. If he had faults I never knew them or heard of them. He seemed always to live for some good purpose. He was faithful, patient and gentle and an honest man. He was a most kind husband, a loving father and brother—and had a deep and abiding interest in the

welfare of his grandchildren. They in return loved him and his death was a personal loss to each of them.

He lived six years after the death of his wife. We need not mourn too much when good men die. In the annual reunions held by his relatives and friends he lives again and will be remembered until the name which he bore shall cease to be called on the earth. We need not say more of him, we cannot say less. If it be ours to enter into the rest that remains for the good and the true, we shall, I'm sure, meet him, whose life was a daily eulogy and the perfection of his highest ideals. The *good,* not the evil that men do, lives after them, and the good alone are great.

MARY THRASHER.

FAMILY II.

HEMAN MERRILL was born March 27, 1791, married Amelia Hawkins November 13, 1811, in the town of Fabius, Onondaga county, N. Y. He died June 1, 1871, at Dayton, N. Y.

AMELIA MERRILL (his wife) was born December 2, 1793, died January 16, 1865. Unto them were born twelve children.

1. Maryette M., born August 13, 1812, died June 4, 1813.
2. Juliette, born March 5, 1814.
3. Leonard, born February 3, 1816.
4. Barzilla, March 29, 1818.

5. Emily, born March 1, 1820.
6. Mercy, born June 4, 1822.
7. Eliza, born August 16, 1824, died July 15, 1828.
8. Huldah, born March 5, 1827.
9. Silas, born July 28, 1830.
10. Celestia, born September 19, 1832, died April 30, 1833.
11. Edward, born May 28, 1834.
12. Heman Resign, born February 2, 1836.

He had two adopted children.

Almira Divers Hurd, now living at Killbuck, Catt. Co., N. Y., who was a niece of Amelia Merrill (Heman's wife)., and

Milo D. Cole, his grandson.

I. JULIETTE MERRILL, daughter of Heman and Amelia Merrill, was born March 5, 1814, at Fabius, Onondaga county, N. Y., married Samuel D. Cole, September 27, 1840. To this union was born one son:

1. Milo D., born November 24, 1842, at Dayton, N. Y., married Betsy E. Park of Leon, N. Y., September 11, 1864. To this union were born five children:

[1] Juliette, born January 7, 1866, married P. J. Rickard of Findley Lake, N. Y., January 27, 1884. To them were born three children:

[a] Grace Frances, born February 27, 1894.

[b] Rilla Eleanor, born September 9, 1900.

[c] Josephine, born November 26, 1901.

[2] Grace Edith, born October 3, 1869.

[3] Eva M., born January 7, 1872, married John Morgan of Leon, N. Y., April 28, 1890. They have one child.

[a] Gladys Bell, born February 22, 1892.

[4] Clarence L., born February 24, 1875, married Mabel Hubbart, of Perrysburg, N. Y., October 5, 1904. They have two children.

[a] Clara L., born September 12, 1905.

[b] Nellie H., born November 12, 1906.

[5] Clara E., born February 24, 1875, married ——Stoddard. Unto them was born one son.

[a] Harold Laverne, born January 22, 1907.

II. LEONARD MERRILL, son of Heman and Amelia Merrill, was born February 3, 1816, at Fabius, Onondaga county, N. Y., married Eliza Judd, March 9, 1837, at Versailles, N. Y., the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Preston. Leonard died August 9, 1899, at Perrysburg, N. Y., and Eliza died September 21, 1887, at Versailles, N. Y. She taught the first school in Versailles. Unto them were born six children.

1 Heman, born April 17, 1838, at Dayton, Catt. county, N. Y., married Charlotte J. Beebe,

January 3, 1860. Charlotte died September 13, 1877, at Perrysburg, N. Y. Two children were born to Charlotte and Heman.

[1] Cora P., born July 15, 1864, married W. H. Parker of Eden, N. Y., October 24, 1890.

[2] Mary E., born January 21, 1867, married Lester W. Nevins of Buffalo, N. Y., September 25, 1888. To them were born two children:

[a] Florence M., born April 26, 1891, in Buffalo, N. Y.

[b] Charlotte A., born May 28, 1895.

HEMAN MERRILL was married the second time to Agnes M. Freeman, March 22, 1883; she died February 28, 1905.

2. Wilbur H. Merrill, second child of Leonard and Eliza Merrill, was born June 18, 1840, at Dayton, Catt. County, N. Y. He enlisted in 1861 as Private in Company H., 44th Regiment New York Volunteers —Infantry. He served three years, was in eight battles, was in the Army of the Potomac all the time. Served under Generals McClellan, Burnside, Hooker, Meade and Grant. When discharged in 1864, was Sergeant of Company H., 44th Regiment. He was honorably discharged at

Albany, N. Y., October, 1864. He was married to Almira H. Wells of Dayton, N. Y., November 8, 1865, at Forestville, N. Y., by Rev. F. E. Miller. Unto them were born:

1 Flora Bell, born October 27, 1867, at Versailles, N. Y., married Harvey B. Sanders at Perrysburg, N. Y., November 6, 1886, and died March 19, 1904. Unto them were born:

a Floyd W., born June 23, 1890, died August 28, 1892.

b Alice born March 28, 1892.

c William, born December 25, 1895.

2 Rosa Nell, born May 16, 1871, at Perrysburg, N. Y., married Frank Wells, June 14, 1905, at Perrysburg, N. Y., by Rev. Patterson.

3 Luther Wells, born June 8, 1875, at Perrysburg, N. Y., married Glenn Clough of Smiths Mills, N. Y., January 1, 1900, at Forestville, N. Y., by Rev. Heald. Unto them were born:

a Gladys L., born October 1, 1900, at Perrysburg, N. Y.

b Lucy G., born June 2, 1902, at Perrysburg, N. Y.

c Alta L., born February 13, 1906, at Perrysburg, N. Y.

[4] Ora Dell, born March 22, 1877, at Perrysburg, N. Y., married Albert Stone of Smiths Mills, N. Y., at Forestville, N. Y., by Rev. Heald. Unto them were born:

[a] Wilbur Charles, born August 19, 1897, at Smiths Mills, N. Y.

[b] Adelbert Colon, born July 22, 1899, at Smiths Mills, N. Y.

ALBERT STONE, husband of Ora Dell, died January 30, 1901 at Smiths Mills, N. Y.

[4] Ora Dell Merrill Stone was married to Frank F. Nolte of Balltown, N. Y., on March 1, 1904, at Cottage, N. Y., by Rev. F. A. Mills. Unto them were born Merrill and Mervil on January 28, 1905, at Hanover, N. Y.

[c] Merrill died March 24, 1905, at Hanover.

[d] Mervill died March 26, 1905.

[e] Harold D., born January 29, 1907.

3. Jane Merrill was born at Dayton, Catt. County, N. Y., on May 28, 1843. She married Alonzo Waterman of Perrysburg, N. Y., on October 2, 1866, at Silver Creek, N. Y., by Rev. David Mizener. Unto them were born:

[1] Alice, born on August 30, 1867, died September 28, 1869.

[2] Harvey Allen, born July 22, 1870, at Hanover, Chautauqua County, N. Y.

[3] Clara born August 24, 1876, at Greenfield, Erie County, Pa.

4. Adelbert A. Merrill was born at Dayton, N. Y., July 29, 1845, married Malvina Hugaboom, March 9, 1869, at Forestville, N. Y., by Rev. M. Clark. They have two children:

[1] Ida M., born February 10, 1872, married Charlie Bennett, November 10, 1895, at Gowanda, N. Y. To them were born:

[a] Florence M., born on September 13, 1896.

[b] Henry N., born on February 20, 1900.

[c] Bertha P., born on September 15, 1902.

[d] John, born on January 4, 1905.

[2] Nettie E., born November 21, 1873, married William C. Dabolt, December 28, 1892, at Gowanda, N. Y. There were born to them:

[a] Clifford L., born on February 2, 1894.

[b] Carmie T., born on August 4, 1896.

5. Maryette A. Merrill was born at Dayton, N. Y., July 15, 1847, married George Van Vlack at Forestville, N. Y., November 8, 1865, by Rev. F. E. Miller. To them were born:

[1] Bertie H., born September 23, 1866, at

Gasconade, Mo. He died at Versailles, N. Y., September 11, 1868.

[2] Clayton R., born February 20, 1870, at Brant, Erie County, N. Y., married Eva Gardner of Harvey, Ill., June 9, 1892. To them were born:

[a] Mildred B., Junior, born September 14, 1893.

[b] Ruby M., born April 17, 1895.

[3] Herbert J., born May 29, 1874, at Perrysburg, N. Y., married Ivalo Dague, at Atlantic, Iowa, December 26, 1900, by Rev. Humphrey. There were born to them:

[a] Gerald W., born January 9, 1903.

[b] Nina Meryl, born October 19, 1905.

[4] Mildred B., senior, was born at Versailles, N. Y., April 1, 1879, married Robert McCoy, July 23, 1897, at Silver Creek, N. Y., by Rev. J. Bates. To them were born:

[a] Paul, born February 19, 1906.

[b] Maryette A., born February 7, 1907.

[5] Lynn R., born April 17, 1883, at Perrysburg, N. Y.

[6] Hall G., born January 5, 1885, at Perrysburg, N. Y.

6. William W. Merrill was born at Dayton, Catt. County, N. Y., April 4, 1851, mar-

ried Harriett M. Remington on July 3, 1871, at Versailles, N. Y. To them were born:

[1] Seth W., born October 2, 1872, married Maud E. Mulkins, December 24, 1891, at Irving, N. Y. To them were born:

[a] Morris, born December 17, 1892.

[b] Harriett, born October 6, 1895.

[c] Harry W., born May 21, 1902.

[2] Alva L., was born on May 30, 1875, at Perrysburg, N. Y., married Della B. Hawley, April 28, 1894, at Perrysburg, N. Y., and to them were born:

[a] Leroy, May 24, 1897.

[b] Viola N., August 12, 1900.

[3] Clifford was born March 13, 1876, and died February 7, 1880.

[4] Bertie was born December 11, 1882 and died December 29, 1882.

[5] Leroy was born June 9, 1890, and died May 28, 1895.

[6] Maud R., was born November 15, 1885, at Perrysburg, N. Y., married Benjamin A. Harvey, April 4, 1904, at Versailles, Catt. County, N. Y. They have two sons:

[a] Howard B., born March 1, 1905.

[b] Elbert Wallace, born Feb. 22, 1907.

III. BARZILLA MERRILL, son of Heman and

Amelia Merrill, was born in what is now Dayton, N. Y., then included within the town of Perry, March 29, 1818. He married Ruba Cole, February 28, 1839. To them were born:

1.-2. Eber and Achsah who died in infancy.

3. Nancy, born October 12, 1843.

4. Alva, born March 8, 1845. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, July 28, 1862. He was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., May 3, 1863, aged 18 years. He served nine months.

5. Irving was born October 20, 1850, married Eva Shults of West Perrysburg, N. Y., October 3, 1871. To them were born three children:

[1] Alice, April 10, 1873, in Cottage, N. Y., married Johnson DeRemer of Nashville, N. Y., October 18, 1891. To them were born:

[a] Elton, who died at the age of four and one-half months.

[b] Ruth, born February 18, 1906.

[2] Alva, born at Cottage, August 25, 1877, married Maud Bassinger, February 15, 1903. To this union was born:

[a] Neva, born April 28, 1906.

[3] Lee L., born at Cottage, N. Y., January 8, 1886.

BARZILLA enlisted in Company K., 154th Regiment New York Volunteers. August 30, 1862. He too was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., on May 2, 1863, aged 45 years.

Ruba C., widow of Barzilla, died November 1, 1897, aged 81 years.

IV. EMILY MERRILL, daughter of Heman, was born March 1, 1820, in what is now the town of Dayton, Cattaraugus County, N. Y. In April, 1837, she was married to Charles Park at Dayton, N. Y. Six children were born to them in New York State.

1. Avery, born June 7, 1838. He was married to Sarah Bliss Spencer Stillman, December 18, 1867. Unto them were born:
   [1] Earl W., born July 18, 1869. He died July 18, 1871.
   [2] Charles E., born June 11, 1871. He married Mary Kelsey, January 25, 1898.
   [3] Emily N., born February 14, 1873. She married John Wood September 17, 1896.
   [4] Ida B., born August 20, 1874. She married Wilber I. Dibble, June 28, 1893.
   [5] Edith M., born November 6, 1880. She married Delton C. Rand, April 18, 1904.

[6] Mary A., born July 19, 1883. Died September 6, 1883.

[7] Pearl S., born August 11, 1887.

[8] Sarah S., born September 17, 1893. Died December 13, 1893.

2. Walter, born October 6, 1840. He was accidentally shot and killed by his cousin, Porter, June 13, 1860. Walter, Avery and Porter were together on their way to mill with their first wheat on the occasion of the accident and had firearms with them intending to shoot prairie chickens.

3. Franklin, born April 6, 1843. Married Amanda Ayers and unto them were born:

[1] Fred, born on October 28, 1872.

[2] Minnie, born on September 17, 1875.

[3] Chauncey, born on October 23, 1880.

[4] Frank G., born on September 1, 1885.

[5] Allen, born on March 12, 1887.

4. Amelia, born February 7, 1846, married A. M. Fancher. To them were born four children.

[1] Mary A., born September 21, 1864, died October 1866.

[2] Emily A., born March 4, 1866, died July, 1868.

[3] Lura M., born March 21, 1872, married Dell Hill, March 21, 1893, died January 23, 1904.

[4] Frances, born December 10, 1878, married Arthur Mapson, August 5, 1896, and died November 20, 1905.

AMELIA died in 1879 at the age of thirty-three.

5. Mary, born September 12, 1848, married McKinney.

To them were born:

[1] Emma, born April 20, 1876, died July 25, 1883.

[2] Cora, born March 5, 1875. Married Byron Shannon, November 10, 1892.

6. Judson, born October 1, 1853, married Jennie Hodgman, January 1, 1874. To them were born:

[1] Louie, born August 11, 1888.

7. Merrill, born November 14, 1855, died the following December, at Rosendale, Wis.

8. Marshall, born November 14, 1855, died the following February, at the same place.

9. Heman, born March 14, 1856, in Martin County, Minn., near Winnebago City.

10. Otis, born June 11, 1862, at the same place.

EMILY MERRILL PARK, died May 24, 1900, and her husband Charles, died February 27, 1901.

This family left New York State in July, 1854, for Wisconsin. They settled there on a farm near Rosendale and remained there until August, 1858, when they again moved, to Martin County, Minnesota. This journey took them six weeks, as they made it

with ox teams and were hindered much by wet weather, some days making no progress whatever. They took with them thirty-eight head of cattle, including thirteen yoke of oxen. It was while making this journey that Avery met with an adventure which nearly cost him his life. Just after crossing the Mississippi river they came up with a man, an "old timer," gold hunter, he had been in California in 1849 and had not lost his passion for gold hunting and at this very time was on a new quest. He persuaded Avery to accompany him on his trip northward in search of the precious ore. Their search was in vain and they were obliged to return without any valuable addition to their property and Avery was destined to lose what little personal property he had with him which was a small bundle of clothes. The river they had to cross was very much swollen; they thought they could ford the stream but the wagon turned completely over. Avery could not swim. After floundering about for a while he got hold of a tree and his companion who could swim got to the wagon and secured a rope with which he got Avery and the horse and the wagon to land. This was Avery's first and last gold hunt. All that was in the wagon was lost so Avery's small bundle of clothes were gone and he was going to a new country with no wearing apparel, save what he had on which did not include a coat as he was in his shirt sleeves. Soon after this Avery learned that his parents had not arrived at this point so he waited for them and on the

28th day of August this sturdy pioneer group arrived at the site of what is now Winnebago City.

They commenced their new life about six miles from there in a shanty made of logs. Many were the hardships they were called upon to endure and many cold days in winter Emily Parke has cooked dinner then carried it afoot across the prairie to the river where the men were cutting timber and then returned over the same path to the shanty.

In August of 1862, occurred the terrible Indian Massacre when the community where Emily Parke and her family lived, became alarmed. They, with all the settlers, left their homes and formed a camp a few miles from Winnebago at Wizards Grove. Avery had just finished cutting ten acres of wheat with a scythe. They could not take much with them in their flight but they did take their cattle and turned their hogs loose. A few hours after reaching the camp they found Heman missing, it was by that time getting dark. What terror filled this mother's heart for fear her six-year-old son had been captured by the Indians and perhaps already had met with some terrible fate. He was soon found on a farm adjoining the camp much interested in watching the farmer feed the hogs. They all remained in camp for three weeks, then returned to their homes to find that they had lost all their crops, upon which they had spent such hard and unceasing labor, but better times were now in store for our pioneers and as each season came and went they were

enabled to add new comforts and conveniences and the hardships became less.

Emily Parke was ever to be found ministering to the needs of others and her advice and help were especially sought after in sickness. It was an oft repeated injunction "Go for Grandma Parke" as they called her, she was an authority in the sick room and had sympathy and cheer for all. Four of the sons are farming now, where they first settled in Martin County, Minnesota and Mary (the daughter) resides in Winnebago City, in the same state.

V. MERCY MERRILL, daughter of Heman, born June 21, 1822, married Orsman Markham, February 14, 1841. To them were born four children:

1. Ann Eliza, died when about two years of age.
2. Solon, born April 22, 1842, in Dayton, N. Y. He married Elizabeth Ann Gregg of Washington County, Arkansas, November 26, 1868. To them were born two children:

[1] Viola Maria, born August 22, 1869, in Bourbon Co., Kan., married A. L. East, November 5, 1901.

[2] Lily May, born August 12, 1872, at the same place. Married C. D. Anderson, February 2, 1897. To them were born:

[a] Wilma G. born September 10, 1899.

[b] C. D. Jr., born December 5, 1903.

3. Eugene, born July 2, 1844, married Sarah Jane Tee, of Jackson County, Ill., October 22, 1865. They have three children:

[1] Annettie, born October 28, 1866, married James Howell, December 23, 1886. They have four children:

[a] Eugene, born January 30, 1888.
[b] Mary, born January 10, 1890.
[c] Merrill, born October 19, 1897.
[d] Theresa Jane, January 19, 1904.

[2] Edward J., born September 25, 1868, married Maude Busby, May 25, 1891. They have five children:

[a] Hazel, born June 23, 1897.
[b] Gladys, born January 12, 18—.
[c] Oscar, born September 10, 1899.
[d] Ola, born May 6, 1902.
[e] Rachael, born May 6, 1905.

[3] Emma, born February 3, 1871, married to W. J. Horton, March 28, 1902. He died May 1, 1904. They had no children. She lives in New York City.

4. Henry J. Markham, born May 4, 1850, married Emma Myers, December 29, 1870. To them were born:

[1] Charles A., born February 9, 1877, died February 2, 1881.

[2] Reginald M., born April 26, 1880.

[3] Henry B., born August 14, 1883, died February 20, 1889.

VI. HULDAH MERRILL, daughter of Heman and Amelia Merrill, was born March 5, 1827, at Perrysburg, N. Y., now Dayton, N. Y. She married Norman M. Allen, March 7, 1848. To them were born five children:

1. Mary A. F., born April 20, 1849, married W. S. Thrasher at Dayton, N. Y., on November 16, 1869, by Sylvester Cowles Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Gowanda N. Y. To them were born ten children:

[1] Norman S., born August 3, 1870, married Leva Wallace June 30, 1894.

They have one child:

[a] Carl Norman, born October 21, 1906.

[2] Alice M., born March 16, 1872, married James E. Bixby, August 31, 1889. To this union have been born five children:

[a] Oscar W., June 19, 1890.

[b] Mary H., born April 3, 1893. (Died July 21, 1899.)

[c] Henry Scott, January 14, 1898.

[d] Lois, born December 8, 1901.

[e] Dorothy, born May 1, 1906.

[3] Flora L., born May 4, 1874.

[4] Ward J., born March 19, 1877. (He died June 6, 1880, at Dayton, N. Y.)

[5] Allen S., born September 22, 1878. (Died May 20, 1898, at Fredonia, N. Y.)

[6] Louis L., born October 11, 1880.

[7] Gertrude L., born November 29, 1882.

[8] Amy Amelia, born December 11, 1884.

[9] Ned L., born November 16, 1886.

[10] DeWitt N., born July 10, 1888.

2. Kate C. E., was born July 27, 1853, married William W. Brand July 27, 1871. Of their children three died in infancy, one was born and died April 7, 1887, one of these children was named:

[1] Henry, born January 5, 1878, and died August 11, 1878, and another named:

[2] Heman was born November 26, 1881, and died September 16, 1882. Two children still survive named Huldah and Hoyt.

[3] Huldah born July 17, 1879, married Lewis Stewart March 30, 1898.

They have three children:

[a] Katie, born June 25, 1899.

[b] Mary, born September 29, 1902.

[c] William, born February 21, 1905.

[4] Hoyt was born May 6, 1883, married Pearl Robbins, November 1, 1903.

3. Milton was born June 15, 1856, (he died in infancy).

4. Carlton W., was born January 5, 1858.

5. Hoyt M., was born October 23, 1863, and

was married to Bell E. Howland August 1883. (She died May 10, 1889.)

HOYT ALLEN married the second time to Nellie L. Smith, February 27, 1890. To this union was born one son:

[1] Norman Boyd, May 2, 1891.

HOYT ALLEN died October 12, 1892.

VII. SILAS H. MERRILL, son of Heman and Amelia Merrill, born in what is now Dayton, N. Y., July 28, 1830, and was married to Maria J. Marshall of North East, Pa., September 23, 1851. To them were born two children:

1. Ara N., born November 30, 1852, married Hortie Greenman of North East, Pa., January 12, 1874. To them were born one son, to whom was given the name of his grandfather, Silas:

[1] Silas was born at Dayton, N. Y., November 14, 1874, he now resides at Bradford, Pa.

ARA N., was married the second time to Addie C. Baker of North East, Pa., and to this marriage was born two children:

[2] Ara Jr., born at Dunkirk, N. Y., April 18, 1887.

[3] Mildred born at Dunkirk, N. Y., April 28, 1889.

These two children now (1907) reside at North East, Pa.

2. Mattie I., was born October 10, 1854 and was married to Marcus J. Rhodes of Northville, Pa., October 10, 1872. To them were born five children:

[1] Maria B., born May 25, 1876, married Truman E. Strickland of Dayton, N. Y., May 23, 1894. To them were born four children:

[a] Irwin M., born May 23, 1896.

[b] Lewis E., born June 26, 1897, died at Dayton, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1897.

[c] Mattie B., born June 20, 1899.

[d] Lester T., born September 11, 1901.

[2] Merrill H., was born December 27, 1879, married Bertha Wolf of Fairplain, N. Y., February 27, 1897.

[3] Sarah A., born June 15, 1883, married Clayton Grantier of Cottage, N. Y., February 12, 1901. To them were born:

[a] Florence M., born March 18, 1902.

[b] Bertha I., born September 7, 1904.

[4] Silas A., born April 22, 1886, married Laura Wolf at Fairplain, N. Y., September 3, 1905.

Mattie I. Rhodes died at Dayton, N. Y., April 22, 1899.

SILAS H. MERRILL met death in the Ashtabula

disaster at Ashtabula, Ohio, December 29, 1876, and his body lies with the unrecognized dead at that place.

VIII. EDWARD MERRILL, son of Heman and Amelia Merrill, was born in Perrysburg, now Dayton, N. Y., May 28, 1833. He was married to Margaret M. Marshall of North East, Pa., December 6, 1854. To them were born five children. One died in infancy. Of the others:

2. Marshall H., born February 23, 1856, in North East, Pa., married E. May Blaisdell, April 12, 1882. To this union was born:

[1] Dora, born at Conneaut, O., ~~April~~ Oct. 8, 1888.

MARSHALL died in Conneaut, O., April 16, 1898.

3. Mary I., was born August 30, 1857, in North East, Pa., married Frank L. Blaisdell, September 3, 1884. To them has been born five children:

[1] David J., born May 12, 1886.
[2] Edward M., born December 26, 1888.
[3] Jennie A., born February 7, 1891.
[4] Robert A., born December 18, 1892.
[5] Flora M., born November 23, 1894.

4. Jennie M., daughter of Edward and Margaret Merrill, was born February 4, 1864, in North East, Pa.

5. George, son of Edward and Margaret Mer-

rill, was born December 6, 1866, married Abbie E. Lattin of Cattaraugus, N. Y., June 6, 1894. To them have been born two children:

[1] Lucile L., June 4, 1898.

[2] Laura Irene, February 7, 1901.

IX. HEMAN RESIGN MERRILL, youngest child of Heman and Amelia Merrill, was born February 2, 1836, in the town of Dayton, County of Cattaraugus, and State of New York. He was married to Lydia Day, April 1, 1855. Unto them were born:

1. Lewis N., born April 10, 1856, married Eliza Cain, August 1883.

Unto them were born:

[1] Lewis D., born November 5, 1883, married Georgia Bates, October, 1904.

[2] Melville R., was born January 2, 1889.

[3] Ethel M., was born July 13, 1890.

2. Elmer C., was born September 2, 1857, married Rose H. Dewey, July 4, 1881. Unto them were born:

[1] Aldean, born August 14, 1885.

[2] Clarence D., born August 26, 1888.

[3] Ethel R., born December 10, 1891.

[4] Hortie L., born May 2, 1901.

3. Josephine was born March 14, 1859. She was married to Wilber J. Hurd, November 22, 1881. Unto them were born:

[1] Merritt M., born April 28, 1884, married Retta Mattoon, July 3, 1906.
[2] Floyd, born October 22, 1887.
[3] Ray, born January 14, 1890.
[4] Ward, born October 14, 1892.

4. Scott B., born Sept. 5th, 1862.
5. Rose A., born Nov. 10th, 1868.
6. Laura C., born Aug. 24th, 1870.

ANSON C. MERRILL, third child of Barzilla, born April 15, 1793, married Bethany Elms, January 1, 1816. Their oldest child Mary Ann was born June 7, 1817. When she was about one year old they came from what was then called the "far east" (Onondaga County) and settled on the farm owned by his grandson, William Merrill about one mile southwest of Dayton. The team they moved with consisted of an ox and a cow yoked together and hitched to a cart, which he himself had made. They came through what is now the thriving village of Gowanda and what then was composed of only two log buildings. In order to get from Gowanda to the place where he settled, he had to cut a road through the trees. The wild animals were very numerous in that vicinity. Some were bears, wolves, wildcats and deer. Braving all the hardships of a pioneer life, they lived and died in this place in the town now called Dayton on lot 30. Unto them were born four boys and four girls. They were a

ANSON MERRILL.

BETHANY MERRILL.

highly respected family. Only one daughter survives them, Ruth Redfield of Eden, N. Y. They have nine grandchildren. Anson died January 27, 1870. His wife died February 26, 1880.

These are the names of his children:

1. Mary Ann,
2. Electa,
3. Ira,
4. Ruth,
5. Ira the 2nd.
6. Esther M.
7. David.
8. Albert,

I. MARY ANN MERRILL married Darius Markham.

Unto them were born ten children:

1. Electa, born January 11, 183—, married James Fluker, May 1855, and died May 25, 1890. To them were born two children:
   - [1] Willis G., born August 27, 1859, married Elsie L. Matteson, January 26, 1881. To them a daughter was born and died March 29, 1889.
   - [2] Anna E., born February 9, 1860, at Villenovia, Chautauqua County, N. Y., married Willis J. Fluker of Warsaw, Wyoming County, N. Y., January 6, 1885. To them were born two sons:
     - [a] Ernest J., born March 11, 1888.
     - [b] Floyd E., born March 12, 1891.
2. Ellen C., born April 6, 1839, married David T. Mills, July 3, 1856. To them was born one child:

[1] Merrill C., born on December 21, 1857, married Emma J. Shaw, March 14, 1877. To them were born two children:

[a] Ione B., born March 18, 1879, married Axel E. Theltberg, July 3, 1905.

[b] Jessie O., born November 26, 1885, died June 27, 1902.

Emma J. Mills died June 30, 1899.

Merrill C. Mills was married the second time to Bessie E. Hulburt, October 9, 1901. To them was born:

[a] Doris I., born August 14, 1903.

3. Matilda died when a young child.

4. Ruth A., born April 11, 1841, married Chas. N. Wright, January 11, 1863. To them were born:

[1] Ithamer, born October 8, 1863, died July 12, 1902.

[2] Nellie V., born April 1, 1865, died May 29, 1865.

[3] Frank L., born February 1, 1867.

[4] Flora, born September 27, 1868, died December 23, 1878.

[5] Cora, born September 27, 1868.

[6] Bert C., born June 18, 1870.

[7] Ellen, born January 29, 1873.

[8] Amy, born July 11, 1874.

[9] Gertrude, born April 26, 1876.

[10] Mabel, born May 28, 1877.

[11] Harvey, born March 8, 1881.

[12] Homer, born March 8, 1881, died November 9, 1883.

[13] Jackson, born February 24, 1885, died November 26, 1887.

CHAS. WRIGHT died June 7, 1900.

5. Emma born March 23, 1842, married William W. Remington, June 16, 1861. To them were born eight children:

[1] Ida born June 3, 1862, married Walter B. Waite, on May 26, 1878. Ten children were born to them:

[a] Angie O., born January 16, 1879, married William H. Heidell, July 3, 1905.

[b] Ray W., born September 5, 1880, married Addie E. Scott, September 20, 1901. They have one child:

Ida Lucile, born December 22, 1905.

[c] Leigh, born December 28, 1881.

[d] Glenn, born June 14, 1883.

[e] Hattie M., born February 8, 1885, died Aug. 24, 1886.

[f] Arthur H., born May 12, 1886, married Bessie M. Taylor March 10, 1907.

[g] Ella H., born April 14, 1888.

[h] George B., born August 12, 1889.

[1] Emma L., born August 11, 1893.

[j] Effie M., born May 13, 1898.

[2] Norton, born January 4, 1864, died August 7, 1864.

[3] George, born August 20, 1865, died April 24, 1893.

[4] Frank, born July 24, 1867, married Jessie E. Vickery of Salamanca, N. Y., April 20, 1893. To them were born five children:

[a] Carey V., born January 25, 1894.

[b] Coralyn, born September 5, 1895.

[c] Arthur B., born June 12, 1897.

[d] M. Jay, born February 8, 1902.

[e] Carl A., born May 21, 1904, died September 25, 1904.

[5] Newell, born December 25, 1870, died December 25, 1871.

[6] Millie, born May 22, 1874, married Selden M. Clark, March 21, 1891. To them were born:

[a] Homer L., born December 20, 1891, died May 1, 1905.

[b] Averna L., born September 10, 1898.

[7] Adelbert, born April 24, 1876, married Hattie Howell, December 7, 1897. To them were born three children:

[a] Geneva M., born April 27, 1899.

[b] F. Bernice, born September 19, 1901.

[c] Bertha E., born October 31, 1903.

[8] William, born December 12, 1892.

6. Augusta, born January 20, 1846, married Garrett P. Remington, July 14, 1861, died March 11, 1907.

7. Mary, born 1847, married A. J. Edick, February, 1869. They have one child:

[1] Clarence J., born March 11, 1877.

Mary died July 4, 1885, aged 38 years.

8. Harvey, born May 8, 1851, at Markham, N. Y., married Rose A. Hall at Villenova, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., December 24, 1879. To them were born three children:

[1] Myrl R., November 28, 1881, at Markham, Catt. Co., N. Y., married Rose Blanch Jolls at Buffalo, N. Y. September 7, 1904. To them was born:

[a] Irma Rose, June 5, 1906, at Silver Creek, N. Y.

[2] Lola A., April 10, 1884, at Markham, Catt. Co., N. Y., died November 26, 1886.

[3] Sarah E., born December 21, 1889, at Markham, Catt. Co., N. Y.,

9. Hannah, born died when nine years of age.

10. Homer, born died when nearly five years of age.

II. ELECTA, second daughter of Anson C. Merrill, born April 5, 1819, died August 16, 1838.

III. IRA MERRILL, born May 17, 1821, died March 23, 1823.

IV. RUTH MERRILL born September 8, 1824, at Dayton, N. Y. Married Homer J. Redfield, at Dayton, N. Y., by Nelson Welch, J. P., September 17, 1844. To them were born in Eden, N. Y.

1. Merrill C., born December 26, 1848, married to Ella M. Ansley at Eden, N. Y., January 18, 1882, by Rev. Thos. Green. To them were born at Eden, N. Y.
   [1] Mabel H., born on February 4, 1884.
   [2] Mary R., born on June 9, 1886.
2. Florence M., born married Newton McLaury at Eden, N. Y., August 28, 1878, by Rev. Ward Platt. To them was born:
   [1] Burten, born November 21, 1879, married Jessie DeWitt at Hornell, N. Y., June 24, 1901. To them was born:
      [a] Marion R., born on February 25, 1902, at Canaseraga, N. Y.
      [b] Olive B., born November 16, 1881.
3. Newton McLaury died at Eden, N. Y., March 20, 1884.

V. IRA THE SECOND, born February 2, 1827, mar-

ried Ellen Darby, November 14, 1850, at Dayton, N. Y., died November 30, 1852. Ellen Merrill married C. M. Pierce May 27, 1859, she died January 14, 1899. She adopted a child, a niece, Grace. Darbee, daughter of Augustus Darbee. Grace was born December 25, 1867, married Bert Perrin of Dayton, N. Y., September 26, 1893.

VI. ESTHER M., born May 2, 1829, married Alexander Hunt, October , she died in Hamburg, N. Y., April 23, 1853.

VII. DAVID, born April 5, 1831, married Margaret McMillen, April 7, 1853. He died May 7, 1874. To them was born one son:

1. Albert M., born on June 15, 1854, married Emma W. Davis. They have one child named Lucia Esther.

VIII. ALBERT J., born July 23, 1833, married Nancy B. Blakely, December 31, 1857. To them were born:

1. Willie, born on August 17, 1859, married Hattie Dutton, February 28, 1900. To them was born:

   [1] Albert, Jr., born March 22, 1904.

   [2] Ruth, born April 15, 1907.

2. Esma Corene, born July 25, 1867, died September 14, 1868.

3. Minnie, born July 23, 1871, married Clyde

Innman, January 25, 1892. To them was born:

[1] Merrill B., born January 26, 1900.

[2] Burdette, born March 28, 1904.

MINNIE died April 4, 1904.

4. Freddie, born November 24, 1873, died May 13, 1875.

NANCY MERRILL died January 28, 1874.

ALBERT J., married the second time Sarah B. Sherman of Collins, N. Y., September 19, 1878. Albert died November 25, 1884.

FAMILY IV.

SILAS MERRILL, son of Barzilla, born November 27, 1797, married Lucinda Morey. To them were born:

1. Polly married George Wallace. Most of their lives were spent in the town of Fabius. Their children were:

[1] Warren, address Pierceton, Ind.

[2] Wilson, married Rozella Clark. Address Fabius, Onondaga County, N. Y.

[3] Judith, married James Barnard. They have four children. Address Fabius, N. Y.

[4] Mary, married Giles Hackett. They have two children. Address Ballina, Madison County, N. Y.

[5] Edward, married Stella Cummings. They have one son. Address Apulia, Onondaga County, N. Y.

2. Mary, married William Stearns. Said to have lived at Fonda, N. Y.
3. Ira, married Elizabeth Conkey.
4. Silas, lived in Appleton, Wis. Was married three times had no children.

SILAS MERRILL died December 28, 1827.

FAMILY V.

EMMA MERRILL, daughter of Barzilla, born April 8, 1800, married Milo Lewis. Their children were:

1. Lucia, married Heman Yale—became a widow, married the second time a—Stuart.
2. Emma, died December 19, 1849.

EMMA MERRILL died Feb. 12, 1841.

FAMILY VI.

RUTH MERRILL, daughter of Barzilla, born July 11, 1802, maried Dr. H. K. Webster. To them was born:

1. Ruth, married Riley Graves. They had one child. Address Winnetka, Cook County, Ill.

RUTH MERRILL died June 24, 1832.

FAMILY VII.

EDWARD MERRILL, son of Barzilla, was born July 19, 1805. He was married to Helen Conklin. To them was born one son:

1. William H., born married Mary F. Morehouse on Dec. 22, 1858. To them was born one son:

[1] Edward S., born on July 6, 1860, married Mary C. Ferris on November 15, 1882. She was born January 20, 1862. They have had seven children:

[a] Edward Ferris, born February 24, 1884.
[b] Robert Sherman, born April 24, 1886.
[c] Albert Bacon, born December 10, 1888.
[d] Mary Grace, born February 8, 1891.
[e] Laura Amelia, born May 11, 1892, died August 20, 1892.
[f] William Henry, born October 2, 1893.
[g] Charles Lockwood born August 20, 1895.

FAMILY VIII.

MARY MERRILL, daughter of Barzilla, born September 18, 1810, married Albert G. Bacon, Jan. 13, 1831. They always resided in Fabius. The earlier years of their married life being spent on a farm and the later years in the village of Fabius. They were noted for their hospitality,

their home being open to old and young, stranger and friend. No children were given to them. They lived together about sixty years.

MARY MERRILL died June 7, 1896.

FAMILY IX.

DAVID MERRILL son of Barzilla, was born June 4, 1815, and died February 4, 1881, at North East, Pa. He married Deborah Wallis, October 17, 1838, who was born April 22, 1820. Their family consisted of:

1. Wallis E., born November 12, 1841. He was drowned March 19, 1847.
2. Maria J., born August 8, 1843, married Byron Bramer, October 5, 1864 and are now living at 545 Cedar street, Syracuse, N. Y.
3. Edward W., born September 20, 1850, married Amanda Wolf, January 17, 1872. They are now living at Frontier Farm, Erie, Pa. To them was born:

[1] Nellie M., born on September 18, 1872, married Lafey G. French, January 17, 1894. To them were born:

[a] Ruth G., born May 11, 1895.

[b] Helen N., born October 5, 1896.

[c] Edward M., born July 27, 1899.

[d] Florence E., born April 18, 1902.

All living at North East, Erie County, Pa.

4. Evangeline A., born May 16, 1855, married Frank H. Perkins in 1882. They are now living at Delray, Mich.

DEBORAH W., died March 15, 1907.

AMY MERRILL (or Ama, as their records gave it) was a sister of Barzilla the first, was born April 16, 1769, married Thaddeus Beach about 1793, was mother of eight children. Her son Hiram born in 1802, married Polly Sprague. To them were born two children. Only one lived to grow up—Calvin Beach—three of his daughters are living on the Beach farm near Fabius, N. Y. The oldest daughter is Mary L. Beach, her address is New Woodstock, N. Y., R. F. D.

CLAVIN BEACH died in 1903.

ADDENDUM.

It seems that John Merrill and Nathaniel Merrill, brothers, first came to this country in 1633 from Salisbury, Wilt County, England, to Ipswich, Mass., and established themselves in the town of Newbury, Mass., in 1634, as charter members of the town. It is claimed that they were descended from the Hugenot family of De Merle, who escaped to England after the St. Bartholomew Massacre in August, 1572. This family of De Merle belong to the Auvergne nobility and had its ancestral estate near Place de Dombes in that Province. John Merrill died Sept. 12, 1673, and by his wife Elizabeth, who died July 14, 1682, had only one child, Hannah, born in England and married to Stephen Swett, May 24, 1647, and died April 4, 1662. Nathaniel Merrill of Newbury, was born about 1610, and died Mar. 16, 1654, he married Susannah Wilterton. Their children were John, born in 1635, Nathaniel, born in 1638, Abraham, Susannah, Daniel, born August 20, 1642, and Abel, born Feb. 20, 1644.

In my judgment by looking through the records of the various towns in Massachusetts, to which the several branches of the family moved, the connection between Barzilla Merrill and his father, David, may be traced to one or the other of these Merrill brothers, and it would not be a hopeless task to fill in the interval of one hundred years, if any person desired to do so.

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